

Kansas Students Honored by Governor Sebelius

Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Secretary of Health and Environment Roderick Bremby recognized 13 student artists from across Kansas representing kindergarten through 12th grade during an awards ceremony May 4 at the Statehouse. Artwork created by these students will be featured in the 2005 ***Kansas Don't Spoil It !*** calendar published by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to promote recycling, reuse and waste reduction.

More than 5,000 pieces of original artwork were submitted for the sixth annual calendar art contest sponsored by KDHE. Student artists were encouraged to depict ways Kansans can preserve the beauty and natural resources of our State by not littering and reducing solid waste.

Approximately 20,000 copies of the ***Kansas Don't Spoil It !*** calendar will be distributed statewide this fall to schools, local governments and businesses. The calendar contest has seen increased student participation as well as use by teachers as a resource tool for both art and environmental studies. Contest winners receive a savings bond, Kansas memorabilia and ***Kansas Don't Spoil It !*** backpacks.

Winners who will have their artwork featured in the 2005 calendar are:

Nestor Melendez, Kindergarten, Dodge City
Sydney Parsons, 1st grade, Oakley
Alex Leyva, 2nd grade, Kansas City
Aaron Ewy, 3rd grade, Arlington
Josh Mierzejewski, 4th grade, Marysville
Tess Trahern, 5th grade, Cimarron
Ky Hall, 6th grade, Bonner Springs

Christelle Karnowski, 7th grade, Emmett
Madison Twombly, 8th grade, Troy
Katie Bruenn, 9th grade, Kansas City
Chad Stoway, 10th grade, Kansas City
Long Nguyen, 11th grade, Wichita
Rebecca Pederson, 12th grade, Cimarron



Gov. Kathleen Sebelius greeted and congratulated the 13 calendar artists and their families in her office May 4, while KDHE Secretary Roderick Bremby presented each calendar artist with a special Kansas Don't Spoil It! gift pack in honor of their winning entry for the 2005 calendar.

Kansas Don't Spoil It ! is a public awareness and educational program to encourage Kansans to keep our state clean, beautiful, and environmentally strong. The program's goal is to minimize the amount of waste and pollution in the environment by committing to the 3 R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. More information on how to reduce, reuse and recycle in your home and community can be found at www.kansasdontspoilit.com.